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OFFICIAL REPORTS.

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS AT
DIFFERENT POINTS.

BRITISH AND FRENCH
PROGRESS.

London, May 4.

10.20 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—

The enemy's bombardment this
morning southward and south-east-
ward of Ypres was vigorously return-
ed by the British and French artil-
lery. No attacks developed.

Infantry fighting was confined to
local engagements at different points.
In the successful minor operations
carried out on the night of the 3rd
in a single sector we took 40 pri-
soners.

We completely repulsed an at-
tempted local attack under cover of
a heavy artillery barrage early this
morning southward of Locon.

The French progressed in the
L'Ocre sector and took 40 prisoners.
The British, on the right of the
French, also progressed in the neigh-
bourhood of Meteren.

WARFARE IN THE AIR.

BRITISH AVIATORS BUSY.

London, May 5.

12.25 a.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig,
reporting on aviation, says:—

The good visibility of the 3rd
assisted the co-operation of our aéro-
planes with the artillery. Bombing
was carried out with the utmost
vigour. Over 20 tons of bombs were
dropped on the Chaulnes, Tournai
and La Bassée railway stations; and
at Estaires, Marcel-Cave, Menin,
Comines and Middelkerke.

There was fierce fighting through-
out the day.

We brought down 28 German
machines and drove down five.

Our anti-aircraft guns shot down
three within our lines.

Eleven of ours are missing.

Our night-fliers, despite the mist
and bad weather, dropped two tons
of bombs on the Chaulnes-Junierville
railway junction.

All our machines returned.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

LIVELY FIGHTING IN THE SOUTH-
WEST.

London, May 4.

6.20 p.m.

A wireless Austrian official report
states:—

In the south-west lively fighting
continues.

FIGHTING IN PALESTINE.

TURKISH ASSAULTS REPULSED.

ENEMY PUSHED BACK.

London, May 4.

A Palestine official report states:—

Fighting continued throughout the
2nd instant, eastward of the Jordan
and southward of Esalt. The
enemy who crossed the river at
Jisr Damik, was driven back.

Our Air Service attacked and
bombed the troops and the rolling-
stock on the Hedjaz Railway in the
vicinity of Amman and Wadiah,
southward of Esalt. Two of our
machines did not return.

During the night of the 2nd and
the morning of the 3rd the enemy
renewed his attacks on Esalt from
the north-east and north with con-
siderable reinforcements.

Both attacks were repulsed with
heavy losses.

Our troops captured 314 prisoners.

MR LLOYD GEORGE INTERVIEWED.

BRITISH ARMY'S MESSAGE TO THE
PEOPLE.

"BE OF GOOD CHEER; WE
ARE ALL RIGHT."

London, May 4.

Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed by

Reuter, was asked his impressions of
his visit to the Armies. He said:—

"I saw Generalissimo Foch, Field-
Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, General
Petain, General Pershing, General
Sir Julian Byng, General Rawlinson
and other officers of the Higher
Command. They were all very con-
fident. I also saw a very large num-
ber of regimental officers and soldiers,
who have actually been in the fight-
ing-line during the last six weeks.

They had very strenuous work and
their confidence was also amazing.
I met no pacifists and pessimists
among them. They could not in the
least understand the wrangles in
certain quarters in England, which
seemed to proceed on the assump-
tion that they had been defeated and
that the only question of importance
was as to who was to blame. Apart
from the mishap in the first few
days, which they all recognised, they
were confident that they were win-
ning and inflicting great losses on
the enemy."

Mr. Lloyd George continued:—
"When the enemy get ground, the
Generals said, we make them pay
an enormous price. In these offen-
sives, the Generals said, 'You can
always buy land if you are prepared
to pay the purchase price, but the
cost for the Germans is great and
increasing. The Generals are cer-
tain that the Germans would soon
be sorry that they had committed
themselves to these attacks, even
if they were not already so.' That
was the general feeling the Premier
found among the men in all ranks
of the British and French Armies.

Asked what about the American
Army, the Premier said a good num-
ber were already there. Many more
will pour in steadily during May.

The French, who saw their fighting
in the battle lower down the line,
said they were first-class fighting
material, full of courage and re-
source, and very keen. The Ger-
mans have rendered at least two
great services to the Allied cause.

They have accelerated the advent
of the American troops and made the
unity of Command at last a reality.

The French and British were fight-
ing in close comradeship, each with
a full appreciation of the qualities
of the other. The message I bring
from the British Army to the people
at Home is 'to be of good cheer.
We are all right.'

**OPERATIONS AGAINST BALUCHI
TRIBE.**

**CHIEF EXPRESSES
CONTRITION.**

London, May 4.

The Press Bureau states:—
The operations against the Maris
have been successfully concluded.

The Government terms were an-
nounced to the Khan on the 2nd
and signed by the Maris chief and
the tribal headmen.

The former, on behalf of himself
and the tribe, expressed contrition
and guaranteed in future to be of
good behaviour.

The withdrawal of the troops from
the Maris country has commenced.

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Hongkong, May 3, 1918. 385

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THE JAPANESE VESSELS FOR THE UNITED STATES.

OUTCOME OF RECENT NEGOTIATION.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

As already announced the Japanese Government has agreed to charter about 150,000 tons deadweight of vessels to the United States for the Allied transport services. An agreement has also been recently reached with regard to the proposal that some Japanese shipbuilders should offer vessels in return for a supply of American shipbuilding materials and another similar proposal is now under negotiation. In this connection, the Department of Communications has issued the following official announcement:—

"With the progress of the war the scarcity of tonnage has become accentuated. Abroad, it is checking the development of foreign trade and interfering with the import or export of important goods; at home, it is causing an advance in the price of commodities, owing to the insufficiency of means for the transport of daily necessities. Thus the Empire is experiencing serious difficulties on account of the scarcity of tonnage. Yet, in view of her relations with the Allies, she has borne what it is difficult to do in permitting the sale or charter of Japanese vessels to the Allied peoples and rendering assistance in the transport of their munitions of war. The declaration of the Japanese Government at the Allied Conference at Paris in November last was made in the same spirit.

"In February last the American Ambassador to Japan, in accordance with instructions from his home Government, asked the Imperial Government for a supply of tonnage. The Empire fully appreciated the circumstances leading to the American request, but the extent of any assistance that the Empire might render required careful consideration. The greater number of the large Japanese vessels were either on regular service abroad, engaged in the transport of indispensable goods both for Japan and the Allies, or already chartered to Great Britain, the United States, France, and Italy. The remainder were on domestic and foreign services indispensable to the Empire as a maritime country. Moreover, the French Government has recently addressed a request for tonnage for the transport of munitions, which, in view of the present condition of France, the Empire must try to meet.

"The Government proposes to give the greatest aid which the Empire can render in the present circumstances, and has replied to the American Government that it will offer 150,000 tons deadweight of vessels for the term of six months. The Japanese Government further proposes that about two-thirds of the vessels shall leave Japan before the end of April and the remaining one-third before the end of May, and that the charter-rate shall be the same as the official rate agreed upon between the Allies. It has also made further proposals concerning the treatment of the crews. The U.S. Government returned thanks for the offer of the Imperial Government, and expressed approval of the Japanese proposals. The Imperial Government, taking into consideration the wishes of the shipowners, then entered into negotiations with the American Government in regard to the form of contract and other details.

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The negotiations having been satisfactorily concluded, it has been decided that Japan shall charter the following 23 vessels aggregating 151,168 tons deadweight, to the United States:—

Steamer	Tonnage	Owner
Penang-maru	9,325	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Tosa-maru	7,680	"
Rangoon-maru	8,250	"
Kirin-maru	5,530	"
Chemulpo-maru	5,530	"
Tottori-maru	9,600	"
Ceylon-maru	6,440	"
Awa-maru	9,070	"
Indo-maru	7,980	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha
Java-maru	7,920	"
Malay-maru	7,100	Tokyo Kisen Kaisha
Seijo-maru	10,270	"
Perma-maru	4,970	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha
Kansan-maru	4,170	"
Myogisan-maru	4,530	"
Komagata-maru	4,320	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha
Orara-maru	4,060	"
Shinsei-maru	6,810	Kishimoto Kisen Kaisha
Mewo-maru	4,000	"
Ide-maru	8,600	Katsuda Kisen Kaisha
Adaka-maru	8,600	Tatsuno Kisen Kaisha
Aikoku-maru	4,720	Uchida Kisen Kaisha
Kumishiri-maru	5,115	Department of Communications

"These vessels have been offered by companies maintaining Government-directed services or by private shipowners possessing many vessels, the allotment being decided according to the tonnage of ocean-going steamers owned by each company. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Ozaka Shosen Kaisha, and the Tokyo Kisen Kaisha supply about two-thirds of the tonnage, the remainder being offered by the private shipowners. In order to reduce the burden on these shipowners, the Department of Communications has also offered the Kuroshiro-maru.

"The charter-rate for the vessels offered is the same as the official rate of the Allies, which is considerably lower than the market rate in this country. In the case of the three steamship companies no actual deficit will be incurred, but the private shipowners will have to sustain a considerable loss, since they are earning charter rates 45% higher than the Allies' official rate. In order to reduce this loss, the Government has decided to grant to the private shipowners compensation of ¥7.50 per ton deadweight per month.

INSURANCE AGAINST WAR RISKS.
"As to war insurance, the compensation value admitted by the U.S. Government is low as compared with the present value of tonnage in this country, and in case any of the vessels offered met with disaster, the owners would have to sustain a loss. The Government, accordingly, thinks it necessary to cover by insurance the difference between the value admitted by the U.S. Government and that considered reasonable by the Japanese, and for the purpose the Government has decided to make a grant of not more than ¥5 per ton per month for all the steamers except the one offered by the Government.

"While the U.S. Government has promised to grant certain relief measures on account of the crews of the vessels, the shipowners have arranged to give them special allowances. As the offer of vessels is a State matter, these ships are to be regarded as if requisitioned by the State for the transport service of the United States. In serving on board these vessels, therefore, the crews are really serving the interests of the State. The Government earnestly hopes that the crews are fully prepared to uphold the prestige of Japanese seamen by fulfilling the duties now entrusted to their care.

RACIPIES OF SHIPOWNERS.
"As already stated, there have been many difficulties attendant upon the present offer of Japanese vessels. The reason why the Imperial Government has taken up the matter, in spite of these difficulties, is due to a desire to contribute to the co-operative operations of the Allies. That the arrangements have been satisfactorily made is largely due to the fact that the shipowners, in appreciation of the object of the Government, have agreed to make a considerable sacrifice, and that the crews have willingly offered their services to the conviction that in taking service on board the vessels offered, they will be serving the cause of the State. The Imperial Government is thankful for this faith and believes that the U.S.

THE JAPANESE VESSELS FOR THE UNITED STATES.

OUTCOME OF RECENT NEGOTIATION.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Government will also appreciate it. In passing, it may be observed that there seems to be some confusion in the public mind between the present chartering of Japanese vessels to the U.S. Government and the so-called exchange of Japanese vessels for American steel, which is quite a different matter. One is exclusively for the purpose of co-operating with the Allies in the war, while the other is a matter under negotiation between the U.S. Government and the Japanese merchants concerned. Regarding the proposal that the Japanese shipbuilders should offer vessels in return for supplies of American shipbuilding materials, the Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Suzuki, Seno, and other principal shipbuilders first negotiated separately with the U.S. Government, but subsequently they agreed to conduct the negotiations jointly. The U.S. Government then transferred the negotiations to the American Ambassador in Tokyo, who communicated directly with the Japanese merchants concerned. As a result, an agreement has been reached whereby the Japanese shall offer about 100,000 tons deadweight of vessels, while the U.S. Government will permit the export of steel under previous contracts at the rate of one ton of steel for one ton deadweight of shipping. The price of ship tonnage is \$235 for the vessels to be delivered in May next, \$240 in June, \$250 in July, \$240 in August, and \$235 in September. This will constitute the first exchange of Japanese vessels for American steel. The Japanese merchants concerned are now conducting negotiations with the intention of meeting the wishes of the U.S. Government as far as this is possible. —Japan Chronicle.

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SUNDAY'S CABLES

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

MORE PRISONERS TAKEN.

LOCAL FIGHTING NEAR VILLERS.

LONDON, May 3, 10.30 p.m.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
We, in co-operation with the French, took prisoners in local fighting southward of Villers Bretonneux. The enemy's artillery was active northward of Albert.

LONDON, May 3, 12.35 p.m.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Local fighting was to our advantage on the night of the 2nd inst., in the neighbourhood of Villers Bretonneux.

We successfully raided the south of Arras and to the east of St. Venant, capturing prisoners and five machine-guns.

Reciprocal artillery firing was active during the night between Ginchy and Nippe Forest, in the neighbourhood of L'Orre and southward of Ypres.

VIOLENT FIRING ON FRENCH FRONT.

PRISONERS BROUGHT BACK.

LONDON, May 3, 4.40 p.m.
A French communiqué states:—

There was violent mutual bombardment south of Villers Bretonneux.

A successful minor operation was carried out on the 2nd, in which we attacked the positions between Hailes and Castel and seized Hill 82 and the wood skirting the Aves, capturing 100 prisoners.

Our reconnoitring troops were particularly active at Woivre, and in Lorraine, bringing back prisoners.

ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS DISPERSED.

GREAT AERIAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, May 4, 1.55 a.m.

A French communiqué states:—
There was fairly great reciprocal artillery firing north and south of the Aves and right of the Meuse.

Our artillery dispersed enemy concentrations south of Villers Bretonneux and towards Caesal.

During the 2nd inst. eight enemy aeroplanes were brought down and 12 were compelled to descend to their own lines. 27,000 kilograms of projectiles were dropped on stations, bivouacs, cantonments in Han, Nesle, Chaumes, St. Quentin and May, and also 8,000 kilograms of bombs were dropped on enemy establishments at Bethel and the railway stations at Asfeld-la-Ville.

GENERALISSIMO FOCH OPTIMISTIC.

FRENCH PREMIER QUESTIONED ON THE SITUATION.

PARIS, May 4.
M. Clemenceau (the Premier), questioned regarding the results of the inter-Allied Council, expressed satisfaction at the situation at the front. M. Clemenceau said:—"Generalissimo Foch, is optimistic. That is all I can say."

CANADA'S RESOLVE TO HELP MOTHER COUNTRY.

QUEBEC IN FAVOUR OF CONSCRIPTION.

OTTAWA, May 4.

The tone of the Quebec newspapers during the last few days indicates a resignation to conscription in that province, but an incident in the House of Commons yesterday, even more emphatically indicates the changed attitude of the population towards the Government's policy of maintaining Canada's Army at the front at a full strength.

The Hon. Mr. Limieux, a vigorous and influential opponent of conscription, said he had been asked by the President of the Committee of the Royal Flying Corps in Quebec city to communicate to the House the following:—"It may interest the country to know that applications for admission into the Royal Flying Corps are pouring in from Quebec and rural districts by able and well-educated young men belonging to good families." The message was cheered.

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

\$15,000,000,000 FOR IMMEDIATE PROGRAMME.

WASHINGTON, May 4.

Mr. Baker, the War Secretary, has submitted to the Senate Military Committee his estimates of approximately \$15,000,000,000 for an immediate programme.

GLOOMY PICTURE OF GERMANY'S FINANCES.

DEMAND FOR INDEMNITIES PRESSED.

ZURICH, May 4.

A gloomy picture of Germany's finances is drawn by the Industrial Union of Saxony, one of the greatest industrial organisations in Germany, in a manifesto supporting the demand for war indemnities. The manifesto says the war has added 14,800,000,000 marks to the peace time expenditure of 4,800,000,000.

It continues:—"This total would absorb 60 per cent. of the whole of the national income. Capitalised at 5 per cent. the national debt would then amount to 892,000,000,000 marks, or more than the entire pre-war national wealth of Germany. Such a burden would completely paralyze our production and all our spirit and enterprise, and completely ruin our economic life. Our loss are

considerably better off in this respect. They need entertain no such apprehensions as their own countries and Colonial possessions afford rich natural sources of valuable raw materials and millions of workers, while Germany is dependent on herself and, even if she gained Colonies, she cannot reckon on any immediate profit from them."

GERMAN PEACE OFFENSIVE EXPLAINED.

LORD ROBERT CECIL'S VIEWS.

LONDON, May 4.

Lord Robert Cecil interviewed by Reuter regarding the reported coming German peace offensive, said, personally, he always expected this as the immediate consequence of the Western offensive. It was evidently part of the enemy plan, but he thought it was mainly intended for "home" consumption. He was of the opinion that the general idea of the Germans was to continue fighting in the West until they completely and commercially controlled the East. They hoped to establish themselves impregnable in Russia, so that by means of Germanophil Government and Russia's resources and rich potentialities, Germany may fight the world evermore and be unconquerable.

Germany was aiming to build up the people's spirits by holding out hopes of plentiful Russian supplies. Lord Cecil believed that "if the Germans have to rely on their own resources they know that they cannot endure very much longer. This explains the plan of a big peace offensive, if they cannot knock out the Allies." The peace offensive, he said, would likely be directed very largely against Great Britain in the shape of offer, which Germany deems would be attractive to us. Germany would then impress upon its people regarding German moderation, but such offers would not approach anything we can look at and, anyhow, would not intend peace.

ALLIED AVIATORS PREVENT TRANSPORT OF GRAVEL.

BOATS CARRYING MATERIALS TO GERMAN FRONT SUNK.

AMSTERDAM, May 4.

News from The Hague states that the Allied aviators sank 23 Belgian boats in a single day, laden with gravel and crushed stone for the German front, and are daily destroying others.

They also destroyed two piers at Luxembourg and a bridge at Namur.

The roads are so cut up that the Germans find it difficult to bring sufficient material to fill up the craters in them.

THE DAMAGE TO ZEEBRUGGE.

REPAIRED WITH ACTIVITY BY GERMANS.

LONDON, May 3.

Reuter learns that the Germans are displaying great activity in endeavouring to repair the damage to Zeebrugge. The channel still remains blocked, and will likely remain so for a considerable time.

Apart from the two sunken concrete ships at the entrance, the position of the *Thetis* at the edge of the shoal is likely to greatly increase dredging operations, which are necessary to prevent the harbour from being silted up.

An interesting fact has just been published that Viscount Jellicoe, while First Sea Lord, passed the plans for and approved the Zeebrugge and Ostend enterprises.

SUPREME WAR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

ATTENDED BY ALLIED MINISTERS AND GENERALS.

LONDON, May 3.

The Press Bureau states:—"Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Milner have returned from France, where they attended the meetings of the fifth session of the Supreme War Council."

The meetings were also attended by M. Clemenceau, Signor Orlando and the Allies' Naval and Military advisers, including Generalissimo Foch, Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, General Pershing and General Petain.

EGYPT'S STRIKING GENEROSITY.

£3,000,000 CONTRIBUTION TO WAR EXPENSES.

The Government has gratefully accepted Egypt's offer to immediately contribute £3,000,000 towards the war expenditure, and also to provide a further £500,000 in the new Budget.

THE IRISH TROUBLE.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE CONFERS WITH HOME RULE COMMITTEE.

LONDON, May 4.

Mr. Lloyd George, immediately on his return from France, met the Rt. Hon. Walter Long and the Committee drafting the Home Rule Bill, and discussed the clauses concerning Ulster and Customs finance, on which disagreement had arisen. The conference was prolonged.

The *Daily Mail* believes that a basis of adjustment has been reached. It is hoped that the measure will be introduced before Whitsuntide.

The *Times* states that Lord Midleton has declined to participate in the new Irish Government.

STATE CONTROL OF LIQUOR TRADE.

THE COMMITTEES' RECOMMENDATIONS.

LONDON, May 3.

The report of the English, Scotch and Irish Committees on the State purchase and control of the liquor trade states that all the Committees propose definite terms for the purchase of liquor interests. The cost of the acquisition appears to be between £400,000,000 to £500,000,000. All the reports affirm that the principle of purchase should be on the basis of pre-war profits at pre-war rates of capitalisation.

The English Committee recommends that the sum thus reached should be written down to the standard of the capital values prevailing when the purchase transaction is completed, and that a special Government guaranteed stock should be issued, the cash value of which will be equal to the sum so adjusted.

The Scottish and Irish Committees reserve the form of payment for the further consideration by the Government.

All the reports include the export trade as subject of acquisition and all propose to exclude the Allied trades, also inland hotels, clubs, railway and refreshment rooms, theatre bars, passenger ship bars, dining cars and the non-liquor part of mixed businesses.

CONTROLLER OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

A NEW POST THAT GIVES SATISFACTION.

LONDON, May 4.

Sir Gordon Nairne has been appointed Controller of the Bank of England.

The new post is equivalent to that of General Manager. The papers comment on the appointment with satisfaction, marking a very important development and giving the present Governor and Deputy-Governor greater freedom for their responsibilities and labour attaching to war finance, and making for closer co-operation between the Bank of England and the outside market.

THE POTATO CROP OF U.K.

25 PER CENT INCREASE.

LONDON, May 4.

The Press Bureau states:—"The Food Controller estimates that the potato acreage of Great Britain in 1918 will approximate 900,000 acres, which is 25 per cent. over that of 1917."

SWEDISH AND NORWEGIAN SHIPPING.

REQUISITIONED BY U.S.A. IN EXCHANGE FOR FOODSTUFFS.

CHRISTIANIA, May 4.

An agreement has been signed between America and Norway, under which the United States sends a quantity of necessities in exchange for the use of a certain amount of Norwegian shipping.

AMSTERDAM, May 4.

The Finance Minister has stated that Sweden will receive a quarter million tons of corn and 300,000 tons of foodstuffs, and a quantity of other vital necessities in exchange for the hiring of 400,000 tons of shipping lying in foreign ports, to the Entente.

The Minister also declared that the Government was doing everything possible on behalf of the Swedes, who were literally fighting against starvation.

FIGHTING AT KIEFF.

AMSTERDAM, May 4.

Fighting occurred at Kieff on the occasion of the overthrowing of the Ukrainian Government, as cabled on the 2nd.

GERMAN ADVANCE IN RUSSIA.

TAGARON OCCUPIED.

LONDON, May 3.

A wireless German official report states:—"We advanced into the Donetz region. We occupied Tagaron on the Sea of Azov."

RUSSIAN TROOPS ON FINNISH BORDER.

GREAT EVENTS EXPECTED.

STOCKHOLM, May 4.

The *Afton Blade* stated that the Russians have massed considerable troops on the Finnish borders.

Great events are expected.

PERSIA AND HER TREATIES.

GOVERNMENT ANNULS ANGLO-RUSSIAN TREATY.

AMSTERDAM, May 4.

The Persian Minister at the Hague has handed the Foreign Minister a Note stating that the Persian Government has officially declared null and void all treaties imposed upon it in recent years, especially the Anglo-Russian treaty of 1907 regarding spheres of influence in Persia.

Whereas other treaties may later be revised the treaty of 1907 remains definitely annulled.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ENEMY CALCULATIONS FALSIFIED.

TASK MUCH HEAVIER THAN ANTICIPATED.

LONDON, May 3.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters telegraphing to-day, says:—"The Germans have not renewed their efforts to advance in Flanders or on the Somme, and their objective time-tables indicate that they are finding their task much heavier than they anticipated."

On Thursday night there was much bombing activity on both sides, our airmen inflicting heavy casualties.

The Australians carried out successful minor operations at Villers Bretonneux while the Canadians "mopped up" a strong post, taking 7 prisoners and 5 machine-guns.

Further north the British rushed a machine-gun emplacement, clearing it out and driving back three survivors of the garrison.

A tremendous crescendo of gunfire has broken out this morning, apparently in the Lys region.

FIVE NEW Y.C.'S.

SUPERHUMAN DEEDS OF HEROISM.

THREE POSTUMOUS AWARDS.

LONDON, May 3.

Almost superhuman heroism characterises the acts for which five Victoria Crosses have been awarded. Three of the recipients are dead. The following are typical:—

Second-Lieut. B. M. Cassidy, late Lancashire Fusiliers.—During a hostile attack when the flank of a Division was engaged, Cassidy, who was commanding a Company in close support, most nobly carried out to the letter the orders that he must hold the position to the last. The enemy came on in overwhelming numbers, endeavouring to turn the flank. He, however, continually rallied his men under terrific bombardment. The enemy were several times cleared out of the trench by his personal leadership. His company was eventually surrounded, but Cassidy fought on, encouraging and exhorting his men until he was killed. His most gallant conduct held up the whole attack at this point, and undoubtedly saved the left flank from possible disaster.

Private H. G. Columbine, late Machine-Gun Corps.—Owing to casualties Columbine took command of a gun and kept firing from nine in the morning till one in the afternoon, in an isolated unwired position, beating back successive waves. An attack by a low-flying aeroplane enabled the enemy finally to gain a strong footing in a trench on either side. The position being untenable, Columbine ordered the two remaining men to get away, and though bombed from either side he kept the gun firing, inflicting tremendous losses. He was eventually killed by a bomb blowing up him and his gun.

GERMAN TALK OF "KAISER'S BATTLE" VANISHED.

MILITARY EXPERTS SOBERING THE CITIZENS.

LONDON, May 3.

It is specially noteworthy that with the lull in the fighting since the German defeat at Ypres, all German talk of "The Kaiser's Battle" has vanished. German experts on the staffs of the newspapers have now been instructed to warn the people that no new Sedan is possible, that Ypres is very strong and that the British are most stubborn and that, after all, Ypres has no importance for Germany. They declare that the German Command may decide not to take Ypres.

DELAY IN AMERICA'S INTERVENTION EXPLAINED.

LONDON, May 3.

Sir William Robertson's warning is commented upon in London as timely. It is pointed out that one reason why American intervention has not been sooner active in some

fields is because America made arrangements for intervention on an immense scale and she realized that a successful offensive against Germany may be necessary to win the war.

BRITISH ATTITUDE TO PEACE MOVE.

LONDON, May 3.

The *Times* refers to a despatch from Washington stating that diplomats anticipate a peace move, but it remarks that no offer of mediation, even from the Pope, will be considered. Any proposal for peace must come from Germany.

The *Times* declares that the Allies will meet any such move with the same unbroken front as they met the latest military offensive.

FRENCH STEAMER IN NEUTRAL WATERS.

TORPEDOED BY GERMANS.

LONDON, May 3.

Another instance of German disregard of neutral territorial waters is the case of the French steamer *Pierrefeu*, which was torpedoed from the land side while 2,600 yards from the Spanish coast. The *Pierrefeu* grounded upon reaching Palamos harbour.

LOSS OF BRITISH GUNS IN PALESTINE.

HORSES AND DETACHMENTS WITHDRAWN.

LONDON, May 3.

In connection with the abandonment of nine guns mentioned in the Palestine communiqué, cabled yesterday, it is officially announced that the horses and detachments were safely withdrawn.

BRITISH CO-OPERATION IN ITALY.

109 AEROPLANES DESTROYED.

LONDON, May 3.

A British official message states that since the arrival of our men in Italy we have destroyed 109 aeroplanes and have lost 13.

ANOTHER GERMAN INHUMANITY.

BRITISH WOUNDED TRANS-PORTED UNDER IMPROPER CONDITIONS.

LONDON, May 3.

The Dutch papers state that the 107 severely wounded British, who arrived at Rotterdam for repatriation, were not sent from Germany under proper conditions. No hospital train was provided and the Dutch medical authorities expressed forcible opinions regarding the transport of stretcher cases in such circumstances.

The German authorities, it is pointed out, must either confess inhumanity or admit that no hospital trains are available owing to the German losses in the West.

THE IRISH PROBLEM.

HOME RULE BILL ASSUMING DEFINITE SHAPE.

LONDON, May 3.

The Lobby correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* states that the Government is determined to proceed with Home Rule, which will be on federal lines, providing one Parliament for the whole of Ireland. The Bill will be introduced the week after next.

An appreciable improvement in the situation in Ireland is reported in consequence of the appointment of Mr. F. Shortt, K.C., as Chief Secretary, and Captain Rodmond as Intelligence Officer on Lord French's Staff.

The *Times* Lobby correspondent confirms the rumour that the Home Rule Bill is assuming definite shape. It lays down the Federal principle for the United Kingdom. The correspondent says the Customs and Excise will be almost certainly reserved to the Irish Parliament until after the war. It is understood that an additional safeguard for Ulster is provided in the form of an Ulster Committee with a power of veto on legislation affecting Ulster. The latest proposal for the *Tiespally* is that it shall be placed in commission, possibly under Lord Midleton, Lord French and Justice Ross.

The *Daily Express* says that all Parliamentary plans have been upset by the new situation. Instead of a month's holiday at Whitsuntide, there will probably be only a week and it is expected that the Commons will sit all summer.

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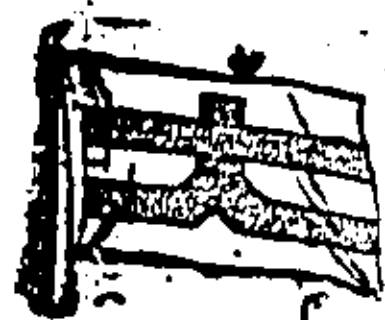
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	KWILIN	May 7, at Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	LUCSON	May 7, at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	LIANGCHOW	May 8, at Noon
SHANGHAI	SUIYANG	May 9, at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	KUINGOW	May 11, at Noon
SHANGHAI	SWATOW	May 11, at 3 p.m.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HAIPHONG	LOKSANG	WEDNESDAY, May 8, at 7 a.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	FRIDAY, May 10, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	WINGSANG	SATURDAY, May 11, Daylight
MANILA	ESANG	FRIDAY, May 17, at 3 p.m.

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HAITAN	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	FRIDAY, 10th May at 12 Noon

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Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong
KOREA MARU	18,000	24th May
SIBERIA MARU	18,000	8th June
TENYO MARU	22,000	22nd June
SHINYO MARU	22,000	16th July

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Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong
NIPPON MARU	11,000	May 15th
KIYO MARU	17,500	July 15th
ANYO MARU	15,500	Sept. 6th

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DESTINATION	STEAMERS & DEPARTURE	SAILING DATE
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Hirano Maru, 16,000 tons FRI, 10th May 11 a.m.	
	Yokohama Maru, 12,500 tons SUN, 13th May 11 a.m.	
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Tango Maru, 13,500 tons SAT, 18th May 11 a.m.	
	Nikko Maru, 9,600 tons SAT, 18th June 11 a.m.	
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Tenshin Maru, 8,000 tons MON, 6th May.	

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Hongkong, Nov. 23, 1917.

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THE CLOSE OF THE SEASON.

WEATHER SPOILS SATURDAY'S RACING.

The yachting season came to a formal close on Saturday when Lady May kindly distributed the prizes won during the season.

A programme of racing had been arranged, but the yachting events failed owing to absence of wind, and the yachts which had started having to be towed back.

The programme included a scratch race for the boys of the club, and a handicap race for the adults. The boys' race was won by the "Gunner" crew, and the adults' race by the "Gunner" crew. The "Gunner" crew was composed of the following members: Gunner, Comptroller, and the boys of the club.

When all the yachts had been towed in, the members of the club and their friends assembled to witness the distribution of the prizes.

The Hon. Mr. Chud Severn, C.M.G., the Commodore, said that although the season was delayed owing to the weather, the club had been able to complete the programme of racing.

Among the prizes were a silver cup, a silver bowl, and a silver vase. The prizes were presented to the winners by the Commodore.

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HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

Parade at Belcher's Battery.

Tuesday, 7th May.

7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company.

Full drill with the exception of Layers who attend examination on 8th May.

3.15 p.m.—Left Half Company. Full drill with the exception of new D.R.F. and new Layers' classes.

Thursday, 9th May.

3.15 p.m.—Left Half Company. New D.R.F. class only.

Friday, 10th May.

3.15 p.m.—Left Half Company. New Layers' class only.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

3rd to 10th May.

Parades as per notices posted at Headquarters. Engine Drivers at 6.30 p.m. Electricians at 6.45 p.m.

Officers' Next for Duty.

Belcher's: 2nd Lieut. Marley.

Lyceum: 2nd Lieut. Templeton.

Stonecutters: 2nd Lieut. Brown.

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Detail of Belcher's Beliefs for May and detail of duties at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

Parades.

"A" Company.

Tuesday, 7th May.

5.30 p.m.—Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill. Dress, drill order.

Wednesday, 8th May.

5.30 p.m.—N.C.O.s of Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons (as detailed by Platoon Commanders) at Headquarters.

T.E.T.

Friday, 10th May.

5.30 p.m.—N.C.O.s of Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons (as detailed by Platoon Commanders) at Headquarters.

T.E.T.

"B" Company.

Tuesday, 7th May.

5.30 p.m.—Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill. Dress, drill order.

Wednesday, 8th May.

7.10 a.m.—No. 3 Gun at Headquarters.

Wednesday, 8th May.

5.10 p.m.—Drill at Headquarters, Nos. 4 and 5 Guns only.

Thursday, 9th May.

5.10 p.m.—Drill at Headquarters. The following men only need attend: Ptes. Field, Irvine, Labrum, A. C. D. Logan, C. E. Logan, McKerns, Piquet and Stapleton.

Mounted Section.

Thursday, 9th May.

5.30 p.m.—At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order without rifles.

Signalling Section.

Tuesday, 7th May, and Friday, 10th May.

5.30 p.m.—Parade at Headquarters. Dress, clean fatigue.

Note.—Rifles (with boxes free from oil) and sidearms are to be brought to the parade on 7th May.

Stretcher Bearer Section.

Tuesday, 7th May.

5.15 p.m.—Parade at Headquarters.

Recruits.

Friday, 10th May.

5.30 p.m.—All units except "D" Company on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergts. Edmunds and Meade. Dress, drill order.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard.

Parades.

Wednesday, 8th May.

5.30 p.m.—Fall in at Blake Pier. Swimming.

G. E. STEWART, Captain.

Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1918.

Topical.

Sergeants' Mess.

A photograph of members of the Surgeons' Mess will be taken at Headquarters at 5 p.m. on Monday, 12th May. Dress, cap, shirt and gaiters, belt and shoes.

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WEATHER REPORT.

May 6d. 12h. 14m.—The anticyclone has moved eastwards to south Japan; pressure has increased considerably over Japan and decreased moderately along the east coast of China; other changes are slight.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.09 inch. Total since January 1st, 6.33 inches, against an average of 13.10 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 7th May.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy generally, some drizzling rain or mist.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, moderate.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lapoock: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHT IN MAY.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of May, 1918.

Date	Ends	Begins
May 8th	5.37 a.m.	7.52 p.m.
9th	5.38	7.52
10th	5.38	7.52
11th	5.38	7.52
12th	5.38	7.52
13th	5.38	7.52
14th	5.38	7.52
15th	5.38	7.52
16th	5.38	7.52
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23rd	5.38	7.52
24th	5.38	7.52
25th	5.38	7.52
26th	5.38	7.52
27th	5.38	7.52
28th	5.38	7.52
29th	5.38	7.52
30th	5.38	7.52
31st	5.37	7.53

Temperature.

Hongkong, May 6th 1918.

Barometer—9 a.m. 29.90

Do—1 p.m. 29.84

Do—4 p.m. 29.80

Thermometer—9 a.m. 72

Do—1 p.m. 72

Do—4 p.m. 72

Do—(Wet bulb) 68

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Do—Maximum 72

Do—Minimum 68

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To-day's Advertisements

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

WEDNESDAY,

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Hongkong, May 6, 1918.

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As follows—

A consignment of Gent's Straw Hats, a quantity of Dress Material, White Blankets, Counterpanes, Ladies' and Gent's Handkerchiefs, Ladies' and Gent's Hosiery, &c.

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Hongkong, May 6, 1918.

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Previous day On Sale At On Sale At

1 p.m. 4 p.m. 1 p.m. 4 p.m.

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